



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Austin Candidates

FROM: Jannette Goodall, City Clerk

DATE: May 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Annual Adjustment of Campaign Finance Limits

Article III Section 8(A)(1) and 8(A)(3), of the Austin City Charter, requires campaign finance limits to be modified annually with the adoption of the budget to increase or decrease in accordance with the most recently publicized federal government, Bureau of Labor Statistics Indicator, Consumer Price Index U.S. City Average (CPI-W U.S. City Average).

Article III, Section 8, reads as follows:

§ 8. LIMITS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

(A) Limits On Contributions To Candidates.

(1) No candidate for Mayor or City Council and his or her campaign committee shall accept campaign contributions in excess of \$300 [see below for current index amount] per contributor per election from any person, except for the candidate and small-donor political committees. The amount of the contribution limit shall be modified each year with the adoption of the budget to increase or decrease in accordance with the most recently published federal government, Bureau of Labor Statistics Indicator, Consumer Price Index (CPI-W U.S. City Average) U.S. City Average. The most recently published Consumer Price Index on May 13, 2006, shall be used as a base of 100 and the adjustment thereafter will be to the nearest \$50.00.

[Using the current CPI, the campaign contribution limit amount is modified to \$350.00.]

(3) No candidate and his or her committee shall accept an aggregate contribution total of more than \$30,000 [see below for current index amount] per election, and \$20,000 [see below for current index amount] in the case of a runoff election, from sources other than natural persons eligible to vote in a postal zip code completely or partially within the Austin city limits. The amount of the contribution limit shall be modified each year with the adoption of the budget to increase or decrease in accordance with the most recently published federal government, Bureau of Labor Statistics Indicator, Consumer Price Index (CPI-W U.S. City Average) U.S. City Average. The most recently published Consumer Price Index on May 13, 2006, shall be used as a base of 100 and the adjustment thereafter will be to the nearest \$1,000.00.

[Using the current CPI, the aggregate contribution limit is modified to \$36,000 per election, and \$24,000 per runoff election.]

Attached are a list and a map showing postal zip codes that are completely/partially within the Austin city limits.

If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at (512) 974-2210.

76574	78705	78737
78610	78712	78738
78612	78717	78739
78613	78719	78741
78615	78721	78742
78616	78722	78744
78617	78723	78745
78634	78724	78746
78641	78725	78747
78645	78726	78748
78652	78727	78749
78653	78728	78750
78660	78729	78751
78664	78730	78752
78681	78731	78753
78701	78732	78754
78702	78733	78756
78703	78734	78757
78704	78735	78758
	78736	78759